

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Official Action of April 24, 2007; and following a Reply and Terminal Disclaimer, and Notice of Appeal, all filed October 24, 2007. As background, the final Official Action only provisionally rejected all of the pending claims, namely Claims 1-18, under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting in view of the aforementioned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/608,697. In response, Applicants submitted a terminal disclaimer to address the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of all of the pending claims, thereby placing all of the claims in condition for immediate allowance.

By this Amendment, Applicants further amend dependent Claim 10 to correct an inadvertent typographical error, thereby bringing dependent Claim 10 in line with corresponding dependent Claims 4 and 16. Applicants therefore submit that the amendment to Claim 10 does not raise any new issues or introduce any new matter, and respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the previously filed Reply and terminal disclaimer, the aforementioned amendment to Claim 10, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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